

A. Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A method for attaching a bed covering to a bed, comprising:

(a) providing a bed having a mattress disposed on top of a box spring, said mattress having a head portion and an opposite foot portion, and said box spring having a head portion disposed adjacent to said head portion of said mattress and a foot portion disposed adjacent to said foot portion of said mattress;

(b) providing a bed covering;

(c) providing a device for attaching said bed covering to said bed, said device including:

-an elongated member having a first end and an opposite second end;

-a connector attached to said first end;

-an anchor connected to said second end;

(d) positioning said elongated member between said mattress and said box spring so that said anchor resides adjacent to said head portion of said mattress wherein if said elongated member is pulled toward said foot portion of said mattress said anchor wedges between said mattress and said box spring;

[The method according to Claim 1, further including:]

(e) after step (d) and before step [(e)] (f), pulling said elongated member toward said foot portion of said mattress so that said anchor wedges between said mattress and said box spring;
and,

(f) attaching said connector to said bed covering near said foot portion of said mattress.

Claims 5-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method for attaching a bed covering to a bed, comprising:

(a) providing a bed having a mattress disposed on top of a support surface, said mattress having a head portion and an opposite foot portion;

(b) providing a bed covering;

(c) providing a device for attaching said bed covering to said bed, said device including:

-an elongated member having a first end and an opposite second end;

-a connector attached to said first end;

-an anchor connected to said second end;

(d) positioning said elongated member between said mattress and said support surface so that said anchor resides adjacent to said head portion of said mattress wherein if said elongated member is pulled toward said foot portion of said mattress said anchor wedges between said mattress and said support surface;

[The method according to Claim 8, further including:]

(e) after step (d) and before step [(e)] (f), pulling said elongated member toward said foot portion of said mattress so that said anchor wedges between said mattress and said support surface; and,

(f) attaching said connector to said bed covering near said foot portion of said mattress.

12. (new) A device for attaching a bed covering to a bed, the bed having a mattress disposed on top of a box spring, the mattress having a head portion and an opposite foot portion, a length, and two parallel sides, and the box spring having a head portion disposed adjacent to the head portion of the mattress and a foot portion disposed adjacent to the foot portion of the mattress, said device comprising:

a single elongated member having a first end and an opposite second end, said elongated member having a length which is greater than one half the length of the mattress;

a connector attached to said first end;

an anchor connected to said second end;

wherein said elongated member may be positioned between the mattress and the box spring substantially parallel to the sides of the mattress so that said anchor resides adjacent to the head portion of the mattress wherein if said elongated member is pulled toward the foot portion of the mattress said anchor wedges between the mattress and the box spring; and,

wherein said connector may be attached to the bed covering near the foot portion of the mattress.